

U.S. Mushroom Sales Down

Sales of the 2000-01 U.S. mushroom crop totaled 853 million pounds, 2 percent below 1999-2000. Value of sales of the U.S. mushroom crop was \$863 million, down 1 percent from 1999-2000 and slightly below two seasons ago. The number of growers, at 264, dropped 40 from last season. Average price was \$1.01 per pound, up 1 cent from the previous season.

Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market were a record high 687 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous record high set last season. Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing were 152 million pounds, 18 percent below last season and the lowest since 1970-71 when 149 million pounds were processed.

The value of sales of commercially grown specialty (Shiitake, Oyster, and all Other Exotics) mushrooms in 2000-01 was \$42.7 million, up 10 percent from the 1999-2000 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.90, is down 15 cents from the previous season. Sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 9.33 million pounds, up 14 percent from the previous season. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 3.44 million pounds, rose 3 percent from the previous season. Exotic mushrooms sales, other than Shiitake or Oyster, totaled 1.98 million pounds, up 63 percent from last season.

Sales of certified organic Agaricus and specialty mushrooms totaled 8.51 million pounds for the 2000-01 growing season, 27 percent below last season's production. These certified organic sales represent 1 percent of the total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 29, eleven percent of all mushroom producers.

Wisconsin production data is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Mushroom Production, United States

Variety	Volume of sales		Value of sales	
	1999-2000	2000-2001	1999-2000	2000-2001
	1,000 pounds		1,000 dollars	
Agaricus	854,394	838,611	828,551	820,200
Shiitake	8,173	9,327	26,893	27,818
Oyster	3,346	3,437	7,218	7,499
Other	1,211	1,975	4,689	7,419
Total	867,124	853,350	867,351	862,936

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.